

Christmas--Time for Giving

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For Other Children

Kimberly Keidser, 3, places a gift under the Christmas tree to assist the Torrance Junior Woman's Club with its project of supplying presents to the children at McClaren Hall. Looking on are, left, Mrs. Ronald Toole, mental health chairman, and Kimberly's mother, Mrs. Karl Keidser, committee member.

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Aid Many Projects

The needs are many and members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club expanded their Christmas philanthropies to include several projects under the direction of its Federation chairmen.

Small gifts, brought to the December meeting, will help Mrs. Bruce Wilkinson, youth chairman, fill gaily decorated felt Christmas stockings for the children of a needy family in the area.

Mrs. Wilkinson has already delivered over 300 pounds of hard candy and gum to McClaren Hall. This candy was collected by scout troops after Halloween and was sorted and bagged by the chairman and her committee members.

Games bought by the Juniors were delivered to McClaren Hall for its recreation room at the same time.

Assisting Mrs. Wilkinson with these projects were Mes. Michael Myers, William Grommald, Lowell Taylor and James Griffith.

Mrs. Robert Jones, Americanism chairman, announces that Christmas cards, including personal messages from Juniors, have been sent to servicemen in the combat zones in Vietnam.

Patients at Villa Contenta Convalescent Hospital will also be sharing the Juniors' Christmas spirit when the club's choral group, under the direction of Mrs. Loren Luna, presents a carol sing for them on Dec. 19. Mrs. George Davidson is drama-music chairman.



Christmas For Others

Working for others to bring them a brighter Christmas during their stay at Bay Harbor Hospital has filled many happy hours during the past weeks for the Girl Scouts of Troop 2879 and members of the Bay Harbor Hospital Guild. Decorating a tree in the hospital corridor are from left, Mrs. James Newman, guild volunteer, Debbie Coffman 11, Laura Slavens 10, and Rena Leon 11, as Mrs. Glenn Dale, scout leader and arts and crafts section chairman, looks on.

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Bay Harbor Hospital Patients Share in Joys of Christmas

Patients at the Bay Harbor Hospital, 1437 Lomita Blvd., will have a merry, merry Christmas due to the efforts of the thirty girls of Girl Scout Troop 2879 working with the Hospital Guild Arts and Crafts Section, under the direction of Mrs. Glenn Dale.

Food trays for each patient at the hospital will be festive with holiday decorations made by the Girl Scouts who have also provided each patient with a colorful card holder made from old greeting cards.

For several years, these 10 and 11 year old girls, have

made many gifts such as hand-puppets, scrapbooks and toys for the young patients in the pediatric ward. On every holiday, these girls provide special decorations for the patients.

In addition to Christmas tray favors and card holders, they have contributed to the general decor of the hospital at this holiday season making Santas

from egg cartons, chains from magazine loops, popcorn ropes, bells and other yuletide items.

Mrs. Dale has headed the Guild's Arts and Crafts section for four years and has been Girl Scout troop leader for five years. She is North San Pedro Girl Scout Camping coordinator and neighborhood chairman.

Festivities Marked With Charities

A brilliant Christmas tree, arrangements of holly, candles and angels on the mantel and at other vantage points, and a crackling fire in the fireplace provided a festive setting for the Las Vecinas Garden Club's annual Christmas Party.

The event was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Douglas Adams, president, 4810 Paseo de las Tortugas.

Wearing red velvet dresses and red lace aprons, the hostesses, Mes. Adams, Ellen Hogan, Max Melwing, and William Belford, greeted the guests who enjoyed a Christmas punch bowl prior to a buffet luncheon.

As each guest arrived, she placed a gift for the elderly patients at Harbor General Hospital under the tree. These patients are not only remembered at Christmas by Las Colinas but every month during the year. As a monthly project, two club members are responsible for making tray favors for the hospital. The 35 gifts collected at Tuesday's party are being delivered today to the patients.

After the luncheon, guests enjoyed a gift exchange. Mrs. Albert Isen, honorary member, was a special guest.

Pictured with their Christmas gifts for the hospital, are from left, Mes. Gregory Vore, hospital chairman, J. Douglas Adams, president and Max Melwing, first vice president.

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Mental Health Association is sponsoring a "Gifts for Giving" program, which as therapy provides more than a means of communication with loved ones; it allows the patient a dual sense of sharing, with those who have donated the item and the one who receives it. The therapy of giving can well play a significant role in the patient's recovery program.

Giving Can Be Important Therapy

Under the direction of Mrs. Milton Gregory, mental health chairman for the Torrance Woman's Club, the club will participate in the "Gifts for Giving" program by bringing all kinds of gifts to the December meeting. Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Ronald Toole, co-chairman, will deliver these gifts to the Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk. The donations will be shared by men, women and children of all ages, who cannot be with their families for the holidays.

Already at work collecting and wrapping are clubwomen, from left, Mes. Alfred Raboek, Edward Disbrow, Ellen Rankin and Robert Winship, club president.

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Christmas Music For Your Pleasure Tonight

A musical Christmas program will be present at the Lomita Recreation Center this evening at 7:30 p.m. featuring singing, orchestra and ballet.

Torrance Junior Woman's Club will assist the staff of the Recreation department by distributing programs and serving refreshments. Assisting will be Mes. George Davidson, Don McKenzie, Martin Colye and Charles Balderama.



Happiness For 150 Children

Arts and crafts materials for the 150 children at the Southwest Association for Retarded Children, 13515 S. Vermont in Gardena, are being supplied, as their holiday gift, by the Torrance Ladies of the Elks. Lady Elks have been busy for the past several weeks collecting easels, poster paint, glue, paper, glitter, beads, paint brushes, and fancy bottles. This is a year-round project for the local auxiliary and their next trip to the Association will be in February. Making the holiday delivery are, from left, Mes. Robert Crain, Christmas welfare chairman, and James Kelly, second vice president.

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